

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Method for the identification of a sentinel lymph node in a subject comprising:

- a) administering to said subject a preparation composition comprising microbubbles comprising a shell and a gas or gas precursor, said microbubbles having a mean particle size of about 0.25-15 μm in diameter and a pressure stability of at least 50% at a pressure of 120 mm Hg, and wherein the shell comprises negatively charged phospholipids in an amount of from 50-100%,
- b) allowing said microbubbles to accumulate in said sentinel lymph node, and
- c) detecting said microbubbles in said sentinel lymph node using ultrasound.

2. (Original) Method according to claim 1 wherein the preparation is interstitially, preferably percutaneously, administered.

3.-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the microbubbles are stable for pressure variations associated with ultrasound imaging of a mechanical index of at least 0.2.

7. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the preparation further comprises a macrophage stimulating compound.